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### *House and Senate representatives applaud BPA, Corps funding agreement Gathering celebrates the cutting of red tape*

**Joint News Release:  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
and  
Bonneville Power Administration**

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**Who:** Sens. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., and Patty Murray, D-Wash., Reps. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., and Norm Dicks, D-Wash., representatives of the Bonneville Power Administration and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**What:** BPA and the Corps will sign a unique agreement aimed at reducing red tape and clearing the way for operational efficiency of hydroelectric power facilities in the Pacific Northwest.

**When:** Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1998 from 10 to 11 a.m.

**Where:** Washington, D.C. at the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Room 562

**Why:** This agreement will allow BPA to directly fund the operation and maintenance costs at 21 hydroelectric power plants in the Pacific Northwest owned by the Corps. Such costs had been funded through the budget process and then repaid by BPA. Operational upgrades will be made more rapidly because of the agreement.

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